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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1145

student activity fees; conscience exemption

Purpose

Requires the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) to exempt a student from the requirement to pay student activity fees if the payment would violate the student's conscience or if outlined circumstances apply to the student.

Background

The Arizona Constitution establishes ABOR to act as the governing body of Arizona's public university system ([Ariz. Const. art. 11 § 5](#)). Statute outlines ABOR's responsibilities, including fixing public university tuition and fees, differentiated between institutions and between residents, nonresidents, undergraduate students, graduate students and students from foreign countries. ABOR must adopt rules to govern the tuition and academic fee-setting process that provide for a public hearing as an opportunity for public comment, a roll call vote for action on changes in tuition or academic fees and outlined notification and disclosure requirements ([A.R.S. § 15-1626](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires ABOR's rules governing tuition and academic fee-setting process to exempt a student, from the requirement to pay student activity fees, if the payment of the student activity fees would violate the student's conscience or the student:
 - a) is a veteran who recently returned from service;
 - b) was recently married or became a parent and does not participate in student activities;
 - c) objects to the student activity fees on religious or moral grounds;
 - d) demonstrates financial hardship; or
 - e) is on campus only part time.
2. Defines *student activity fees* as any fee that is charged to students by a public university and that is used to support and facilitate the expression and activities of students or student organizations.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Revisions

- Corrects the provisions to include the definition of *student activity fees*.